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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 4465

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NMUC US NL
SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO THE NETHERLANDS

REF: A) STATE 151650, B) THE HAGUE 3298

1. THE USS VIRGINIA (CGN-38) WILL VISIT ROTTERDAM
SEPTEMBER 23 TO 26. IN OUR REQUEST TO THE MFA FOR
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR THIS VISIT WE ASKED THE
DUTCH TO CONSIDER THE CHANGE OF WORDING SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL
A. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE RESPONSE, WHICH WE BELIEVE
MEETS OUR NEEDS.

2. AFTER FULL AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, THE DUTCH HAVE
AGREED TO CHANGE "ASSURANCES" TO "STATEMENT" RATHER
THAN "EXPLANATION" AS WE REQUESTED. THE PARAGRAPH THUS
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READS: QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE ASSURANCES REFERRED TO IN THE
EMBASSY'S NOTE PROVIDED IN THE "STATEMENT BY THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT ON OPERATION OF NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS
IN FOREIGN PORTS" (STANDARD STATEMENT) AND THE UNITED STATES
PUBLIC LAW 93-513, AS WELL AS THE STATEMENT THAT THESE
DOCUMENTS REPRESENT ASSUMPTION BY THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT OF ABSOLUTE LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGES

CAUSED BY A NUCLEAR REACTOR INCIDENT INVOLVING THE REACTOR
OF ONE OF ITS NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS AND COMMIT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT TO SETTLING JUST CLAIMS ON THE BASIS OF
A STANDARD OF ABSOLUTE LIABILITY AND WITH NO UPPER INDEMNITY
LIMIT, THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO GRANT
PERMISSION TO THE USS VIRGINIA (CNG-38) TO VISIT THE
PORT OF ROTTERDAM. END QUOTE.

3. THE MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT IT CONSIDERS ITS WORDING
TO BE MORE PRECISE THAN OUR SUGGESTION AS WELL AS MEETING
OUR REQUEST FOR LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT NO
ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED
IN THE STANDARD STATEMENT AND PL-513. WE AGREE AND
RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE MFA THAT THIS
LANGUAGE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE NOTES.
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